

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-17. (Canceled).

18. (Currently amended) A mold, comprising:

~~formed by combining~~ a bottom surface member; and

a plurality of lateral surface members abutted against combining with the bottom surface member, ~~wherein~~

~~an engaging structure for fixing the adjacent lateral surface members to each other is provided on a side of each of the lateral surface members~~

~~and each lateral surface member comprising a first engaging structure on a first lateral end thereof and a second engaging structure on a second lateral end thereof, one of the first and second engaging structures of one of the plurality of lateral surface members engages with one of the first and second engaging structures of another one of the plurality of lateral surface members,~~

~~wherein the first and second engaging structures each comprises a projection and a recess, and a shape of the first engaging structure and a shape of the second engaging structure are in an asymmetrical relationship with reference to a center line of the lateral surface member.~~

19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 18, wherein the number of the plurality of lateral surface members abutted against combining with the bottom surface member is four.

21. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 18, wherein each of the engaging structure structures comprises one or more engaging surfaces that are substantially level with a bottom surface of the bottom surface member, and a distance between an upper side of the lateral surface member and the engaging surface closest thereto being to the upper side is in a range of not less than 1 cm nor more than 8 cm.

22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 22 18, wherein the shapes of the engaging structures provided on the sides on both sides of the lateral surface member are in a point-symmetrical relationship with each other and with respect to a center point of the lateral surface member.

24. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 18, wherein the respective bottom surface member has a closed groove on an upper surface thereof configured for dividing its the upper surface into a bottom surface center and a bottom surface outer periphery[[;]].

the a plurality of bottom sides of the plurality of lateral surface members are engaged with the put into the closed groove of the bottom surface member so as to surround the bottom surface center with the plurality of lateral surface members combined; and

a plurality of wedge members are respectively arranged in clearances between outer peripheral surfaces of the plurality of lateral surface members engaged with the closed groove of the bottom surface member and the bottom surface outer periphery.

25. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 18,

wherein the plurality of lateral surface members combined with are abutted against a side surface of the bottom surface member and are upright so as to surround the bottom surface member,[[;]] and

further comprising:

a mold holder configured for placing the bottom surface member and the plurality of lateral surface members that are combined;

a wedge receiver arranged on an upper surface of the mold holder; and

a plurality of wedge members respectively arranged in clearances between the wedged receiver and outer peripheral surfaces of the plurality of lateral surface members provided upright so as to surround the bottom surface member and the wedge receiver.

26. (Original) The mold according to claim 25, wherein the wedge receiver is removable from the upper surface of the mold holder.

27. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 25, wherein there exist exists a plurality of wedge receivers, and spacing a space between one of the plurality of wedge receivers and an other another one of the plurality of wedge receiver receivers is adjustable, the another one wedge receiver is arranged at a position opposed thereto to the one of the wedge

receivers with the bottom surface member and the plurality of lateral surface members that are combined ~~and sandwiched~~ therebetween ~~on the upper surface of the mold holder.~~

28. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 18, further comprising a frame-shaped member ~~arranged so as to surround the~~ which surrounds an outer periphery of the plurality of lateral surface members integrated by engaging the ~~adjacent lateral surface members with each other and is configured~~ for constraining displacement ~~between the~~ of the plurality of lateral surface members.

29. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 18, further comprising: a frame-shaped member ~~arranged so as to surround the~~ surrounding an outer periphery of the plurality of lateral surface members integrated by engaging the ~~adjacent lateral surface members and with each other, with play given between the~~ frame-shaped member and the plurality of lateral surface members[[],]; and

a plurality of pressing jigs respectively arranged in clearances between the frame-shaped member and outer corners formed by the ~~adjacent~~ lateral surface members adjacent to each other, and configured for constraining displacement ~~between the~~ of the plurality of lateral surface members.

30. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 29, wherein one of the plurality of pressing jig jigs has two jig surfaces respectively abutted ~~against the~~ contacting with outer peripheral surfaces of the two of the plurality of lateral surface members, ~~the outer peripheral surfaces form forming the outer peripheral surfaces form~~ the outer corner of the mold.

31. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 30, wherein the one of the plurality of pressing jig jigs has a relief groove provided in an area located corresponding to the outer corner of the mold such that the outer corner is not so as not to directly abutted thereagainst contact with each other.

32. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 29, wherein the frame-shaped member has a projection abutted against in an inner periphery thereof, the projection contacts with the opposed lateral surface member facing therewith for constraining displacement therebetween provided in its inner periphery of the plurality of lateral surface members.

33. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 28, wherein each of the engaging structure structures comprises one or more engaging surfaces that are substantially level with the bottom surface of the bottom surface member, and the frame-shaped members are respectively arranged at positions of the engaging surfaces.

34. (Currently amended) The mold according to claim 18, further comprising a mold release material applied to

a mold inner surface comprising a surface of the bottom surface member and surfaces of the plurality of lateral surface member members and

locking sections formed by the bottom surface member and the plurality of lateral surface members.

35. (Canceled).

36. (Currently amended) A polycrystalline silicon substrate producing method, comprising:

~~the a step of producing a silicon ingot by using the mold according to any one of claims 18 to 34; and~~

a step of obtaining a polycrystalline silicon substrate from the silicon ingot.

37. (New) The mold according to claim 18, wherein the projection and the recess are aligned along the lateral end of the lateral surface member.

38. (New) The mold according to claim 18, wherein the projection and the recess of each of the first and second engaging structures are arranged in a lengthwise direction of the lateral surface member.